

## **PENN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**June 5, 2025**

Planner Zach Smith called to order a meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Also present were planning members Matthew Baile, Ron Arnold, Lenny Rice, and Ronnie Bull, along with Zoning Officer Beth LeFevre, Township Engineer Eric Bortner, and Township Secretary Klinefelter. Jennifer Mosier was absent with notice.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was followed by a period of silent meditation.

The planners approved the May 1, 2025, Planning Commission minutes with amendments to correct the voting record and the call to order for the May meeting.

### **Review and make a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board on the following zoning appeals:**

**ZHB25-04-St. Joseph's Church**, 5125 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA 17331. The applicant is requesting a special exception to Section 407.2a (Expansion and Alteration) in order to expand an existing nonconforming use to construct additional classrooms. The property is located at 5125 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA 17331 in the R-22 Zone.

Kris Raubenstine from Hanover Land Services explained the location of the site to the Planning Commission. The school was in front of the Planning Commission in 2016 requesting to expand for additional classrooms and received a recommendation for approval.

Father Otam, Pastor at the school, explained when the original expansion was done there were about 186 students, now attendance is expected to top 300 students. They are looking to expand again to add additional classrooms. They are also planning on renovating and putting in ADA bathrooms as the building is 50 years old. There will be a staircase and elevator to get to the second floor.

Engineer Bortner said there are no concerns, but they will just need to address stormwater management during the land development process.

Planner Ronnie Bull made a motion for recommendation for approval and Planner Lenny Rice seconded the motion regarding a special exception to Section 407.2a (Expansion and Alteration) in order to expand an existing nonconforming use to construct additional classrooms. Motion Carried.

### **Review and make recommendations on modification/waiver and exoneration requests, and pending subdivision/land development plans: None**

**Review and make recommendations on the following request:** None

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none

**Public Comments:** There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Klinefelter  
Township Secretary